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Joint Resolution

To designate the month of May, 1991 as "National Trauma Awareness Month".

Oct. 30, 1990

[S.J. Res. 351]

Whereas more than eight million individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;

Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of individuals less than forty-four years of age in the United States;

Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;

Whereas traumatic injury often occurs without warning;

Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;

Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions;

Whereas the people of the United States spend more than \$140 billion on the problem of trauma;

Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and

Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical systems: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That May, 1991 is designated as "National Trauma Awareness Month", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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